

October 21, 2009 Regular Town Board meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Chartier at 3:00 pm on October 21, 2009. Supervisors Matt Gaulke and Mike Christensen were present, and also present were Treasurer Dave Peterman and Clerk Ginger Schwanebeck.

Others present: Norm Wetzel, Gene Ciszek, Roberta Gast, Heather Johnson and Eric Johnson from the Lakeland Times.

This meeting was properly posted and the media notified as required by law.

Motion by Mr. Christensen, and seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the agenda. The motion was carried.

Motion by Mr. Gaulke, and seconded by Mr. Chartier to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2009 regular meeting, as submitted. Motion carried with Mr. Christensen abstaining due to the fact he was not present at the 10-7-09 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Christensen and seconded by Mr. Chartier, to approve vouchers number 42145 – 42240 from the General Fund and 1329 – 1330 from the Ambulance Fund. The motion was carried with Mr. Gaulke abstaining to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest because one of the vouchers is for his employer.

**TRANSFER STATION STATUS & FEES:** Mr. Ciszek distributed a new price list for disposal of solid waste and miscellaneous items at the transfer station, with new prices to become effective 1-1-2010. He explained that our current prices are far below those being charged by other disposal sites and recyclers. Mr. Ciszek's recommendation is to increase the solid waste fees to \$2.00/16 gallon bag and \$4.00/32 gallon bag. Our hauling costs have risen substantially, and we need to increase the prices to cover those costs. Motion by Mr. Gaulke and seconded by Mr. Christensen to increase the fees for solid waste to \$2.00 and \$4.00, and the fees for metal and household items as depicted on the list dated 9-25-2009. Motion carried.

**TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE, 2010** Norm Wetzel reviewed the Town Lakes Committee 2010 funding alternatives, considering what will be required from town taxpayers if a grant is received. The grant application involves a partnership between Manitowish Waters and LdF, with \$7,500 coming from LdF and \$3,500 from Manitowish Waters, plus \$11,000 worth of in-kind volunteer hours, for a total value of \$22,000, with the DNR 50% matching funds to reimburse \$22,000. A motion was made by Mr. Christensen and seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve Resolution 2009-04 Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Resolution. Mr. Wetzel then explained the alternate plan, requiring the Town of LdF to budget \$10,000 for lake monitoring and education activities if the grant application isn't successful. Motion by Mr. Christensen and seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the alternate and provide the necessary funding. Roberta Gast presented the Town Lakes Committee membership roster and newly elected officials for 2010. Motion by Mr. Gaulke and seconded by Mr. Christensen to approve the membership roster and elected officials. The motion was carried.

**AIRPORT CONCERNS:** A petition containing 165 signatures was presented to the Board. The petition expresses concerns about airport expansion and seemingly unnecessary spending. Arbor Vitae resident Heather Johnson was present to present a list of relevant financial questions, and to ask the Board to hold off on any expenditure decisions until these questions are answered. Ms. Johnson also wanted to publicly acknowledge Mike Christensen's thoughtful participation on the Airport Commission. There was brief discussion and the Board thanked Ms. Johnson for articulating her concern.

**AIRPORT WITHDRAWAL:** The Board reviewed the information provided by Jon Schmitz, Airport Manager, regarding future indebtedness. The appropriation proposed for LdF's share for airport operations in 2010 totals \$34,459.00, and there appears to be only one long-term obligation, that being the loan for the Terminal Building. This loan balance (principal) is \$243,135.64, with the final payment to be made 6-16-2020. Lac du Flambeau's share of this is approximately \$68,078.00. It is unknown whether pre-payment would be allowed, or how the loan interest would be dealt with. The loan for the building addition has been completely paid off. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Chartier and seconded by Mr. Gaulke to adjourn at 3:18 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,